

RESOLUTION 2020-01
Vasquez Boulevard /I-70 Superfund Site
Community Advisory Group
May 2020

"To protect public health and the environment, the Superfund program focuses on making a visible and lasting difference in communities, ensuring that people can live and work in healthy, vibrant places." <https://www.epa.gov/superfund>

WHEREAS at the invitation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 (EPA), and with collaboration with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), the City and County of Denver (CCD), and the Denver Department of Public Health & Environment (DDPHE), the VB/I70 Community Advisory Group (CAG) was established and met beginning in March, 2017; and

WHEREAS the USEPA Vasquez Bl./I-70 Superfund Site Community Advisory Group (CAG) adopted Bylaws in September, 2017; and,

WHEREAS the CAG has met monthly since March, 2017; and,

WHEREAS the CAG has submitted five (5) previous Resolutions on a range of important topics regarding work ongoing in Operable Unit 1 (OU1) and Operable Unit 2 (OU2) to the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 (EPA) -- resolutions which have been ignored and received no response by the EPA; and,

WHEREAS the CAG has submitted repeated requests to EPA, CDPHE, DDPHE and CCD that CAG's volunteer technical advisors be invited to observe ongoing agency meetings and to receive all communications and documents pertaining to planning and work on all three operable units -- but in particular over the past year regarding ongoing planning for Operable Unit 2 -- in order to better inform the members of the CAG; and,

WHEREAS CAG's requests that technical advisors observe meetings and be informed of ongoing work regarding VB/I70 Operable Unit 2 so as to be able to inform CAG members have been ignored; and

WHEREAS CAG members have made repeated requests for pertinent presentations and documents that have been ignored by EPA, CDPHE, DDPHE and CCD; and

WHEREAS CAG members have asked the EPA and CDPHE for support such as is provided to other CAGs in the state such as meeting space, minute takers, translators, refreshments, monthly presentations, announcements, telephone and virtual access to meetings and posting of activities, documents and announcements on the CDPHE and EPA web sites, and all such requests have been ignored;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. That EPA Region 8 immediately bring the Community Advisory Group up to date on EPA communications, documents and discussions with the Potentially Responsible Party or

Parties (PRP) regarding plans and work on the Remedial Investigation (RI) and Feasibility Study for Operable Unit 2; and

2. That EPA release to the Community Advisory Group an up-to-date list of all documents and studies, along with a link to each document/study or a PDF of same, being reviewed and/or relied upon to arrive at a description of OU2 and a new remedial investigation for OU2; and,
3. That EPA also release to the Community Advisory Group all documents and communications pertaining to the cadmium plume that has been identified in OU3; and,
4. That, going forward, the EPA, CDPHE, DDPHE and CCD facilitate the inclusion of CAG technical advisors Chuck Norris and Adrian Brown in meetings, communications and documents pertaining to planning and work at the Site.
5. That the Community Advisory Group will, consistent with its obligations under the CAG's By-Laws, write to EPA Region 8 advising EPA of its obligations to respond to the CAG formally, in the manner consistent with Superfund regulations pertaining to Community Advisory Group recommendations and advice.

Approved via email by members of the Community Advisory Group May 13, 2020.